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FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE

Woman's Union Missionary Society

THE "WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY" asks the sympathy and substantial aid of every Christian woman, whatever other interests she may have, because :

1st. It opened a way, and established a precedent in mission work for woman, which, from the first, God has wonderfully blessed, preserved and prospered.

2d. It seeks literally nothing but the spread of Jesus' name, and the enlightenment and blessing to woman, which ever follows the knowledge of His name.

3d. It occupies fields and has achieved some of its largest success where no one denomination of this country could have gained entrance.

4th. It represents at home and abroad every evangelical denomination; and its foreign property has been the donation of them all, to be held in sacred trust for *one common purpose*.

5th. It was commenced and has ever been carried on by voluntary workers and unsalaried officers—a free-will offering of love.

This Society, the first of all Woman's Societies, organized in 1860, has sent out only single women from America, who, with a large native force, have established mission centres in Calcutta, Allahabad,

Cawnpore, Jhansi, and the surrounding villages in *India*, where thousands of heathen women and girls are under Christian teaching. Medical work is also conducted in the Mary S. Ackerman-Hoyt Hospital and adjoining Dispensary, at Jhansi.

The Society also holds an "American Home" in Yokohama, Japan, where a boarding school for girls is conducted, it being the first established in the Empire, and evangelistic work has been spread throughout the Empire, through a corps of Bible Readers who hold meetings and gather converts into the church.

The mission in Shanghai, China, comprises a "Home" for evangelistic workers, a boarding school for girls, and the Margaret Williamson Hospital for women and children, whose fame is widely known throughout the Empire.

The repeated testimony of distinguished travelers who have visited the Christian homes corroborates the statement that they are indeed "centres of light and spiritual influence."

The Home organization of this Society, being of the simplest character and without salaried officers, affords a medium through which the humblest offering can go forth from the donor's hand, and reach directly the necessities of distant heathen fields, with an economy of expenditure which is unparalleled in the history of benevolent institutions.

Is not the work of such a Union Society too important and are not its interests too valuable to be overlooked?

If it be true that there are demands and exigencies in our own favored country that cannot be met, save by wholly unsectarian bodies, such as Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, Sabbath School Unions, Bible and Tract, and Christian Endeavor

Societies, how much more is this true with regard to foreign lands, where often the very name or mention of denomination proves a hindrance and stumbling block ?

Believing that any plea which can be made for United Christian labor at home is not only true, but doubly true, in connection with this foreign cause, the "Woman's Union Missionary Society" looks for and claims to receive encouragement and support from every American woman for His sake, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named CHRIST JESUS.

"There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

A lady, who, while traveling in India and Japan, had visited with our missionaries their zenanas and schools, in an impressive address at our 21st Anniversary in New York, said :

"My reasons for not allowing this Union work to be crippled, much less to die out, are, *First*, the extent of heathenism is so great, and its powerful influence so subtle, that we cannot afford to lose one organization which has so persistently labored to present Christianity in its purity; *Second*, this Society is the only one in this country which presents to the heathen one unbroken front of the unity of the Church of Christ before an unbelieving world, and this alone carries unbounded weight in heathen Asia. Your Society is so organized and has so fine a vantage ground in heathen lands that no other can, without great injury, take it out of her hands. It is not the Society of any church or any person, but of the united Christian army of believers. I believe it is GOD'S SOCIETY, a precious vine of His planting, and it deserves

the most careful fostering and cultivation because He has blessed it. I long to see more efficient and abundant support given to this noble Union Society, that every open door leading to heathen homes may be entered in the MASTER'S name."

During the visit of Rev. N. Sheshadri, of India, to this country in 1880, in an address he heartily endorsed the Union element of this Society, which he declared was in the spirit of Christ's Church, the only one which was recognized on heathen soil, and concluded by saying emphatically, "*May denominationalism never find its way across the Red Sea!*" The testimony of this earnest Hindu Christian was most encouraging to all who are laboring in this Union work.

THIS UNION WORK NEEDS YOU? WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR IT!

DONATIONS MAY BE SENT TO THE
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